

PART 437—SWEET CORN CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS FOR THE 1985 THROUGH 1997 CROP YEARS

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§ 437.1 Availability of sweet corn crop insurance.

Insurance shall be offered under the provisions of this subpart on sweet corn in counties within the limits prescribed by and in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended. The counties shall be designated by the Manager of the Corporation from those approved by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

§ 437.2 Premium rates, production guarantees, coverage levels, and prices at which indemnities shall be computed.

(a) The Manager shall establish premium rates, production guarantees, coverage levels, and prices at which indemnities shall be computed for sweet corn which will be included in the actuarial table on file in service offices for the county and which may be changed from year to year.

(b) At the time the application for insurance is made, the applicant will elect a coverage level and price at which indemnities will be computed from among those levels and prices contained in the actuarial table for the crop year.

§ 437.3 OMB control numbers.

The information collection requirements contained in these regulations (7 CFR part 437) have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of 44 U.S.C.

Chapter 35 and have been assigned OMB Nos. 0563-0003 and 0563-0007.

§ 437.4 Creditors.

An interest of a person in an insured crop existing by virtue of a lien, mortgage, garnishment, levy, execution, bankruptcy, involuntary transfer or other similar interest shall not entitle the holder of the interest to any benefit under the contract.

§ 437.5 Good faith reliance on misrepresentation.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the sweet corn insurance contract, whenever

(a) An insured person under a contract of crop insurance entered into under these regulations, as a result of a misrepresentation or other erroneous action or advice by an agency or employee of the Corporation (1) is indebted to the Corporation for additional premiums, or (2) has suffered a loss to a crop which is not insured or for which the insured person is not entitled to an indemnity because of failure to comply with the terms of the insurance contract, but which the insured person believed to be insured, or believed the terms of the insurance contract to have been complied with or waived, and

(b) The Board of Directors of the Corporation, or the Manager in cases involving not more than \$100,000.00, finds that: (1) An agent or employee of the Corporation did in fact make such misrepresentation or take other erroneous action or give erroneous advice; (2) said insured person relied thereon in good faith; and (3) to require the payment of the additional premiums or to deny such insured's entitlement to the indemnity would not be fair and equitable, such insured person shall be granted relief the same as if otherwise entitled thereto. Application for relief under this section must be submitted to the Corporation in writing.

§ 437.6 The contract.

The insurance contract shall become effective upon the acceptance by the Corporation of a duly executed application for insurance on a form prescribed by the Corporation. The contract shall cover the sweet corn crop as provided

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in the policy. The contract shall consist of the application, the policy, and the county actuarial table. Any changes made in the contract shall not affect its continuity from year to year. The forms referred to in the contract are available at the applicable service offices.

§ 437.7 The application and policy.

(a) Application for insurance on a form prescribed by the Corporation may be made by any person to cover such person's share in the sweet corn crop as landlord, owner-operator, or tenant. The application shall be submitted to the Corporation at the service office on or before the applicable closing date on file in the service office.

(b) The Corporation may discontinue the acceptance of applications in any county upon its determination that the insurance risk is excessive, and also, for the same reason, may reject any individual application. The Manager of the Corporation is authorized in any crop year to extend the closing date for submitting applications in any county, by placing the extended date on file in the applicable service office and publishing a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER upon the Manager's determination that no adverse selectivity will result during the period of such extension. However, if adverse conditions should develop during such period, the Corporation will immediately discontinue the acceptance of applications.

(c) In accordance with the provisions governing changes in the contract contained in policies issued under FCIC regulations for the 1985 and succeeding crop years, a contract in the form provided for in this subpart will come into effect as a continuation of a sweet corn contract issued under such prior regulations, without the filing of a new application.

(d) The application is found at subpart D of part 400, General Administrative Regulations (7 CFR 400.37, 400.38). The provisions of the Sweet Corn Insurance Policy for the 1985 through 1997 crop years are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sweet Corn—Crop Insurance Policy

(This is a continuous contract. Refer to section 15.)

AGREEMENT TO INSURE: We will provide the insurance described in this policy in return for the premium and your compliance with all applicable provisions.

Throughout this policy, "you" and "your" refer to the insured shown on the accepted Application and "we," "us" and "our" refer to the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Causes of Loss

a. The insurance provided is against unavoidable loss of production resulting from the following causes occurring within the insurance period:

- (1) Adverse weather conditions;
- (2) Fire;
- (3) Insects;
- (4) Plant disease;
- (5) Wildlife;
- (6) Earthquake;
- (7) Volcanic eruption; or
- (8) Failure of the irrigation water supply due to an unavoidable cause occurring after the beginning of planting;

unless those causes are excepted, excluded, or limited by the actuarial table or section 9e(5).

b. We will not insure against any loss of production due to:

- (1) Sweet corn not being timely harvested, unless it is determined that, due to unusual weather conditions, a substantial number of acres of sweet corn in the area were ready for harvest at the same time;
- (2) The neglect, mismanagement, or wrongdoing of you, any member of your household, your tenants or employees;
- (3) The failure to follow recognized good sweet corn farming practices;
- (4) The impoundment of water by any governmental, public or private dam or reservoir project; or
- (5) Any cause not specified in section 1a as an insured loss.

2. Crop, Acreage, and Share Insured

a. The crop insured will be canning and freezing sweet corn grown on insured acreage, for which a guarantee and premium rate are provided by the actuarial table.

b. The acreage insured for each crop year will be sweet corn planted on insurable acreage as designated by the actuarial table and in which you have a share, as reported by you or as determined by us, whichever we elect.